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Monday June 13, 1808

Pursuant to notice previously given by His Excellency the Governor, the following members of the Legislature met at the House of Edward Hunter Hall in the Town of Saint Louis, being a majority of the whole number: — To Wit

His Excellency Meriwether Lewis, Governor
The Hon^ble John B. C. Lucas, }
Otho Shadley } Judges

On motion of Judge Shadley, ordered that the Clerk do procure and lay before the Legislature at their next meeting the unfinished business thereof

On motion the Bills reported by the Committee

on the 15 day of October last, on the petition of Alexander Chouteau, was read — and on motion of Judge Lucas, — Ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed till to morrow.

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn until to morrow morning 10 o'clock —

E. Hempstead

Tuesday Morning June 14th 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before.

Mr Lewis presented a petition from the inhabitants of the district of New Madrid signed John E. Hart and others stating the numerous consequences which have resulted, and will result from Judgments on specific contracts being rendered for Cash, and praying that Cotton may be declared a legal tender upon all demands as well before action brought as after Judgment obtained, which was read, ordered that the said petition do lie on the Table —

Mr Lewis also presented the petition of Sundry inhabitants of the District of Cape Girardeau, signed Christopher Hays and others stating that the business of the Court of common Pleas cannot be finished within the time limited by law for the sitting of said Court and praying that the Judges of the Court of common Pleas aforesaid may be authorized to hold a Special Session thereof and the same being read, on Motion ordered that the same be referred to Mr Shrader to report thereon by Bill.

The Clerk in obedience to the order of yesterday reported the unfinished business before the Legislature —

On motion of Mr Lewis, ordered that it be referred to a Committee to report a Bill making provision for a permanent revenue for the payment of Territorial expences" and on motion of Mr Lucas, Mr Lewis is appointed (a Committee) for that purpose —

On motion of Mr Lewis, ordered that the revision of act concerning District Rates and Levies, be referred to Mr Shrader to report thereon at the next session of the Legislature —

The Legislature according to the order of the day proceeded to consideration of the Bill reported by the Committee on the petition of August Chouteau, and the same being read: On the question shall this Bill as reported pass? Mr Lewis and Mr Shrader voted in the affirmative, and Mr Lucas, in the negative — which the said Bill was rejected, there not being a majority of the members of the Legislature in favor thereof — "

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till to morrow morning 10 o'clock

E. Hempstead

Wednesday June 15, 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as yesterday: —

Mr Lewis presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Town of Saint Louis signed by August Chouteau and others stating that unwholesome trades are exercised in said Town, and praying that a Law may be passed to prevent the same: — which being read ordered that the same do lie on the Table —

On motion of Mr Lucas that the Legislature do come to the following Resolution. To wit

Resolved that a Law ought to be passed providing for the Local Police and Government of Villages and Towns of this Territory:

Resolved that provision ought to be made therein that such Law shall not be in force in any of the said Villages but only upon the application of a number of the Inhabitants of any such Village or Town, to any Court of Common Pleas of any of the Districts wherein those Towns may be respectively situated, which Courts shall be thereby authorized to receive the said application and directed to ascertain whether the number of persons so applying comes to the Proportion required; and if the number is such as required shall declare the said Town or Village to be Corporated under the above Law and subject to all the Regulations of the same; And on the question being put to the Resolutions were carried in the affirmative: — On motion ordered Resolved that the said Resolution be forthwith That the Clerk together with the Petitions of August Chouteau and others presented to the Legislature this Day: and that of Francois Valle and others, presented on the 29th day of October; be referred to Mr Lewis, and Mr Shrader to report a bill thereon: —

Mr Shrader to whom was referred the Petition of Christopher Hays and others, reported a Bill thereon, and the same being read: Resolved unanimously that the said Bill do Pass and that the title to the same be "An act to authorize the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the District of Cape Girardeau to hold adjourned Courts.

Ordered that the said Bill be engrossed

for signing tomorrow—

Mr Shader laid on the table, a Bill Supplementary to an act entitled an act concerning Executors, and the same being read; On motion of Mr Lucas ordered that the same be made the order of the day tomorrow.

Mr Lewis presented the Transcript of the account of Pierre Didier Territorial Treasurer,— on motion ordered that the said Pierre Didier Treasurer as aforesaid, do attend before the Legislature at five of the Clock, in the afternoon to-morrow with his Treasury Book of accounts. for the inspection and examination of the Legislature agreeable to Law.— and that the Clerk of the Legislature do give notice of this order to the said Pierre Didier.—

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till to morrow afternoon 5. o'clock

E. Hempstead

Thursday June 16. 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, as yesterday.

Pierre Didier Treasurer of the Territory appeared in pursuance of the order of Yesterday with his Territorial Treasury Book, and the same was examined by the Legislature.

The Bill as engrossed entitled "an act to authorize the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the District of Cape Girardeau to hold adjourned Courts." was read examined and signed.—

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the consideration of the Supplement to the

act concerning Insolvent Debtors, and the same being read, on motion of Mr Lucas, ordered that the said Bill, together with the Law concerning Insolvent Debtors be recommitted to Mr Shrader to report thereon at the next Session of the Legislature.—

Mr Lewis presented a Presentment of the Grand Jury of the District of Saint Charles made at the February Term last of the Quarter Sessions, praying that a Law may be passed for the punishment of persons fraudulently offering to pass and actually passing Counterfeit money; and the same being read. On Motion ordered that it be referred to Judge Lucas to whom was formerly referred a revision of the Laws respecting the punishment of Crimes.—

Mr. Lewis and Mr Shrader to whom were referred the resolutions of yesterday, that a Law ought to be passed providing for the Local Police and Government of villages and Towns in this Territory, reported a Bill thereon; and the same being read, on motion of Mr Shrader ordered that the said Bill be made the order of the day for tomorrow.—

On Motion of Mr Shrader, Ordered that a Bill for invesr certain powers in corporations or bodies Politic in Law, be made the order of the day for tomorrow.—

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

E Hempstead

Friday morning June 17, 1808

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before.—

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the consideration of the Bill concerning towns, and the first section thereof being read, by which it is provided that a majority of the Inhabitants of any town petitioning to the Court of the Common Pleas of the Town their district, and the Court having ascertained that such petitioners are at least a majority of the taxable Inhabitants of such Town, shall declare the said Town a village to be incorporated, on motion of Mr Lucas ordered the words "a majority" be struck out, and the words "Two thirds" be inserted in their place.

The remaining sections of the said Bill were then read and several amendments agreed to, on the Question shall this Bill as amended pass it was carried unanimously in the affirmative

Ordered that the title to the said Bill be an act concerning Towns in this Territory" — and that the same be engrossed for signing tomorrow

Mr Shrader submitted the following Resolution. Viz—

Resolved by the Legislature of the Territory of Louisiana that it is proper to make provision by Law for laying out a Public Road from the Town of Saint Louis to the Town of Saint Genevieve from thence to the Town of Cape Girardeau and from thence to the Town of New Madrid by Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor and opening the same by the respective districts through which the Roads passes, and that the said Commissioners make a report of their proceedings thereon to the next session of the Legislature on the third Monday in October next" and on the question as the Legislature agree to the same, carried in the affirm

a Vote unanimously — On motion ordered that the said Resolution be referred to Mr Shrader to report a Bill thereon —

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the consideration of the Bill entitled an Act to invest certain powers in bodies politic and the same being read, on motion of Mr Lewis, ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed till tomorrow

On motion of Mr Shrader Ordered that the revision of the Laws respecting negroes and Slaves, which was formerly referred to Mr Bates, be referred to Mr Lewis to report thereon —

On motion of Mr Shrader; Ordered that the following report of the committee made on the Second day of July last. Towit. "It is the opinion of the Committee that the decrees and Judgments rendered by the Civil and military Governors or commandants, or by by any superior tribunals before the Cession of the Province of Louisiana to the United States, which were then considered as final are not properly cognizable before the Courts of Justice established in this Territory and that such decrees and Judgments ought in no case be opened, or reversed but merely carried into effect" be postponed indefinitely —

On motion of Mr Shrader, ordered that the Second Item of the said report, which was on the third day of July referred to a committee, the committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof —

On motion of Mr Lewis, ordered that the third Item of the said Report, To writ, "It is the opinion of the committee that the Laws respecting arbitrators already established in this Territory together with the provision contained in several Bills now before the Legislature offer an equal and certain distribution of Justice to all the citizens of this Territory" be postponed for consideration tomorrow —

On Motion of Mr Lucas. Ordered that the Consideration of the following Item in the said Report. Viz. "That all Contracts now existing or that may be made hereafter between Merchants and those to whom they have or may furnish goods for the Purpose of Trading with Indians, the Merchant ought to be considered as having a Lien on the Peltry obtained in consequence of the Trade" be postponed indefinitely

Mr Shaden reported a Bill concerning the Duties of Widows, which was received and read the first time, On Motion, the said Bill was read a Second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to morrow

On Motion of Mr Lewis, ordered that the order of this day making the Bill to incorporate certain Towns in Dukes County the order of the Day for to morrow be reconsidered :- Ordered that the said Vote be rescinded.

And on Motion of Mr Lewis, ordered that the said Bill together with the Petition of James Maxwell and others presented on the Twelfth day of October last be ~~Referred~~ to Mr Shaden to report thereon

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till to morrow morning 9 o'clock

E. Hempstead

Saturday June 18. 1808

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment Present as yesterday

Mr Shrader to whom was referred the Resolution of yesterday for laying out a Road from the Town of Saint Louis to the Town of Saint Genevieve, from thence to the Town of Cape Girardeau, from thence to the Town of New Madrid, reported a Bill thereon, and the same being read, on Motion the same was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next —"

Mr Shrader to whom was recommitted the Bill to invest certain Powers in Bodies politic, as well as the petition of James Maxwell and others, reported a Bill thereon and the same being read, and several amendments agreed to, ordered that the said Bill be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next —

The Engrossed Bill respecting Towns in this Territory, was according to the order of the day read and examined — On the Question shall this Bill as engrossed pass, carried in the affirmative unanimously — ordered that the title of the said Bill be "An act concerning Towns in this Territory" — and the same was thereupon signed —

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the Day to the consideration of the Bill as engrossed concerning the Dower of Widows, and

the same being read, on the Question shall this Bill pass carried in the affirmative unanimously Ordered that the title of the said Bill be "An act concerning the Dower of Widows and Marriage contracts" and the same as engrossed was then Signed —

On Motion ordered that the Act concerning Public Roads and Highways be referred to Mr Shrader to report what alterations are necessary to be made therein —

On Motion of Mr Shrader ordered that the act concerning Taverns be referred to Mr Lewis to report what alterations are necessary to be made therein —

On Motion of Mr Lewis, ordered that the Twenty first, and fifty ninth sections of the act of this Territory for establishing Courts of Justice and regulating Judicial proceedings, together with that part of said act respecting Bail; and giving the plaintiff a continuance of his case at the first Term without an oath or affirmation for such continuance, be referred to Mr Shrader to report what alterations are necessary to be made therein —

Ordered that the Legislature do adjourn till Monday morning the 20th. of June 9 o'Clock —

E Hempstead

Monday June 20: 1808

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment —

Present the same members as at the last meeting —:—

Mr Lewis presented the petition of Joseph V. Garnier Clerk of the General Court of this Territory, stating that many of the most important cases in the said Courts are brought by persons not residing within this Territory and that no provision is made by Law for the collection thereof: and praying that a Law may be passed to remedy the same — The same being read & duly

that the said Petition do lie on the Table —

Mr Lucas to whom was referred the Revision of the Law for the punishment of Crimes made a report thereon and the same being read to the eighth Section, and Several amendments agreed to; on motion ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed till to morrow —

The Bill as engrossed respecting laying out of Roads, was according to the order of the day read the third time — and on the question shall the Bill as engrossed pass — carried in the affirmative unanimously — Ordered that the title of the said Bill be "an act for the laying out of Roads from the Town of Saint Louis to the Town of Saint Genevieve, from thence to the Town of Cape Gerardeau; and from thence to the Town of New Madrid — and the said Bill as engrossed [illegible]

Thereupon Legislature

Ordered that the third reading of the Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Saint Genevieve academy be postponed till to morrow—

And then the Legislature adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'clock—

E. Hempstead

Tuesday June 21. 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment—

Present as before

Mr Lewis presented the petition of Jeremiah Connor Sheriff of the district of Saint Louis, stating that no compensation is made by Law for diet of prisoners, and praying for relief— That the sum of Two Hundred Dollars per annum, has been allowed by the Judges of the Quarter Sessions of the District of Saint Louis; that he in January in the Year 1807, has paid the Wages of the Jailer, and the proper offices have refused to audit his accounts— as by the said petition appears— and praying relief in the premises and the same being read:— ordered that the same lie on the table:—

On motion, ordered that the petition of Joseph V. Garnier presented to the Legislature yesterday, be referred to the Law Committee to report thereon—

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the third reading of the Engrossed Bill for incorporating the Trustees of the Saint Genevieve academy, and the same being read

on the question shall this Bill as Engrossed pass carried in the affirmative unanimously: Ordered that the title to the said Bill be "An act to incorporate the trustees of the Saint Geneviève academy" and the same was thereupon signed. —"—

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the further consideration of the Bill reported by Mr Lucas respecting certain crimes, and the same being read to the fifteenth section thereof, and several amendments agreed to, on motion Ordered that the further Consideration thereof be postponed till this afternoon. —

Mr Lewis to whom was referred the subject of making provision for a permanent revenue, and for the support of Territorial expences: reported a Bill thereon and the same being read: on motion Ordered that the further Consideration thereof be postponed till this afternoon.

And then the Legislature adjourned until this afternoon at 3 o'clock —

E. Tompstead

Eodem die 3 o'clock —

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before.

The Legislature proceeded according to the Order of the day to the further consideration of the Bill respecting certain crimes, and the same being read, and several amendments agreed to — the Motion made that the further consideration thereof be postponed till the next [illegible] the Legislature to morrow morning

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Bills concerning the offices of District and Territorial Treasurer, and providing for the payment of Territorial expences, and the same being read, and Several amendments agreed to ordered that the said Bills be engrossed for a third reading To morrow

and then the Legislature adjourned till to morrow morning 9 Oclock

E. Hempstead

Wednesday June 22. 1808

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment: present as before.

On motion of Mr Lewis, ordered that the petition of Jeremiah Conner Sheriff of the District of Saint Louis presented yesterday be referred to Mr Lucas to report thereon —

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the consideration of the Bill as engrossed concerning District and Territorial Treasurer, defining duties of Sheriffs and providing for Territorial expences, and the same being read the third time. — On the question shall this Bill as engrossed pass, carried in the affirmative unanimously Ordered that the title of the said Bill be "an act creating the Offices of District and Territorial Treasurers, defining certain duties of the Sheriffs, and providing some efficient funds to defray Territorial expences" — and the same was thereupon signed —

The Legislature proceeded according to

the order of the day to the further consideration of the Bill concerning certain crimes, and the same being read Several Amendments agreed to. Mr Shrader moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed till the next session of the Legislature. Carried. Messrs and Mr Shrader in the affirmative, Mr Lucas in the Negative

On motion of Mr Shrader. —

Resolved by the Legislature of the Territory of Iowa that the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to audit and adjust the accounts of Edward Hempstead against the said Territory for his services as Clerk of the Legislature, transcribing Laws and other incidental expenses not before audited and adjusted: and that the Governor draw his Warrant on the Territorial Treasurer in favor of the said Edward Hempstead for the amount thus ascertained to be due him —

Ordered that the several petitions, orders, and Bills pending and before the Legislature, and which are not determined be postponed till the next meeting of the Legislature. —

Resolved that the Legislature do adjourn until the third Monday in October next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon —

And then the Legislature adjourned accordingly

E Hempstead, Clk

Monday October 17. 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present His Excellency Meriwether Lewis. Governor

The Hon. John B. C. Lucas, & John Colvin. Judges

The General Court being met in Session

The Legislature adjourned till Thursday the 20. instant

E. Hempstead. Clk

Thursday October 20. 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before

and adjourned till Saturday the 22.d instant

E Hempstead. Clk

Saturday October 22.d 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before

and adjourned to Monday next the 24.th instant.

E Hempstead. Clk

Monday morning October 24. 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before,

On Motion of Mr Coburn, ordered Bill regulating the manner of selecting and returning Jurors, was read the first time and on motion of Mr Lucas, ordered that the further Consideration thereof be postponed till tomorrow.

On Motion of Mr Lewis the Bill concerning District Rates and Levies was read the first time, on motion ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The Bill concerning Strays, was read the first time and being again read and diverse amendments agreed to ordered that the same as amended be engrossed for the third reading Tomorrow.

And then the Legislature adjourned till to morrow morning 9 oclock.

E Stanhead Clk

Tuesday October 25, 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before.

The Engrossed Bill concerning Strays was read a third time on Motion resolved unanimously that the said Bill do pass and that the title to the same be, "An act concerning Strays" and that the title to the same be, "An act concerning Strays". and the same was thereupon read, examined, and signed.

On Motion, the Bill concerning District Rates and Levies was according to the order of the day. Read the third time pursuant to Amendments agreed to, on motion ordered that the same be recommitted to Mr Lewis.

And then the Legislature adjourned till to-
morrow morning Time of Electn.

E. Hemstead

Wednesday Morning October 26. 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to
adjournment present as before.

On motion the Legislature proceeded to the second
reading of the Bill regulating the manner of electing
and returning Jurors, and devising amendments being
agreed to, on Motion of Mr Lucas, Ordered that the
further Consideration thereof be postponed until to-
morrow.

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration
of the Bill supplemental to the act of this Territory
entitled an act concerning Insolvent Debtors, and
the same being read. Ordered that it be
further postponed till to morrow.

The Bill for regulating inclosures and preven-
ting trespasses, as reported by Mr Shrader, was read
the first time, on motion the same was read a
second time, and several amendments agreed to, On
Motion ordered that the said Bill, as amended be
engrossed for a third reading to morrow.

And then the Legislature adjourned
till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

E. Hemstead

Thursday morning October 27. 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before.

Pursuant to the order of the day the Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Bill regulating enclosures and to prevening Trespass therein — as engrossed, and the same being read, on motion, ~~it was~~ unanimously. That the same as engrossed do pass — and that the title to the said Bill be "an act regulating enclosures, and for preventing Trespass therein" and the same was thereupon examined and signed accordingly —

On motion of Mr. Coburn the Bill concerning the manner of selecting and returning Jurors, was again read and several amendments agreed to — On motion ordered that the same as amended be engrossed for a third reading tomorrow.

The several orders of the day were then postponed till to morrow.

And then the Legislature adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'Clock

G. Hempstead

Friday Morning October 28. 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before.

Pursuant to the order of the day the Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Bill regulating the manner of selecting and returning Jurors, as engrossed, and the same being read

on Motion, Resolved that the said Engrossed Bill do pass. and that the title to the same be "an act regulating the manner of selecting and returning Juror in certain cases" and the same was thereupon examined and signed accordingly.

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Bill concerning crimes, and the same being read to the Sixteenth Section thereof, and sundry amendments agreed to on Motion of Mr Lucas, ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed till this afternoon and then the Legislature adjourned till this afternoon at three o'clock.

E Hempstead Clk

Same day 3 o'clock P.M.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before.

The Legislature proceeded according to the Order of the day to the further consideration of the Bill concerning crimes, and the same being read, and sundry amendments proposed. On motion ordered that the further consideration of the same be further postponed till tomorrow.

The several orders of the day were then postponed till tomorrow,

And then the Legislature adjourned till tomorrow morning 8 o'clock.

E Hempstead Clk

Saturday October 29. 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before.

On motion Ordered that the Justices of sundry inhabitants of the County of Saint Louis, viz: Charles Sarpy.

Louis Labeaume and others, praying a repeal of the act of this Territory altering the places of holding the Circuit Courts and the same being read. On motion of Mr Lucas, ordered that the said Petition be referred to Mr Lewis, to report thereon, by Bill or otherwise.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Legislature proceeded to the further consideration of the Bill concerning Crimes, and the same being read and Several amendments agreed to, on motion ordered that the same as amended be engrossed for a third reading

and then the Legislature adjourned till monday Morning 9 o'clock

E. Hempstead. Clk.

Monday Morning October 31. 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before.

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to consideration of the Bill supplementary to the act concerning imprisonment debtors, and the same being read, on motion, ordered that the same be engrossed for a third reading tomorrow.

Mr Lewis presented a Bill for the partition of land, and the same being read, on motion ordered that the further consideration of the same be postponed till tomorrow.

The Bill Supplementary to the act concerning attachments, was on motion read the first time, & ordered that the same be referred to Mr Coburn

and then the Legislature adjourned till

Tomorrow morning 9 o'clock

E. Hempstead. Clk

Tuesday November 1. 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before

according to the order of the day, the Bill supplemental to the act concerning Insolvent Debtors was read a third time, on motion Resolved Unanimously that the said Bill do pass. and that the title to the same be, An act supplemental to an act entitled an act concerning Insolvent Debtors, and the same was thereupon signed

Mr Coburn reported a Bill supplemental to the act concerning Judicial Proceedings, and the same being read, on motion ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed,

Mr Lewis reported a Bill concerning outlawry. and the same being read; on motion the same was read a second time, and several amendments agreed to, on motion ordered that the same as amended be engrossed for a third reading tomorrow,

Mr Lewis reported a bill concerning the felling of Woods. and the same being read, on motion ~~the same was~~ read a second time, and sundry amendments agreed to. on motion. ordered that the said Bill as amended be engrossed for a third reading tomorrow.

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the further consideration of the Bill concerning the partition of lands, and the same being read, on motion ordered that the same be engrossed for a third reading to morrow

The Bill concerning forcible entry & detainer was on motion Read the first time, a

Motion for Adjournment

And then the Legislature adjourned till
Tomorrow morning 9 o'clock

E. Hempstead

Wednesday November 2nd 1808

The Legislature met pursuant to
adjournment Present as before

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the
day to the third reading of the Bill for the partition
of lands as engrossed — On motion Resolved unan-
imously that the said Bill do pass, and that the
title to the same be "an act for the partition
of lands" — and the same was thereupon signed
according by —

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of
the day to the further consideration of the Bill concerning
outlawry, and the same as Engrossed being read the
third time, On Motion resolved Unanimously that
the same do pass, and that the title to the same
be "An act regulating the proceedings to outlawry"
and the same was thereupon signed according by

The Legislature proceeded according to the order
of the day to the consideration of the Bill concerning
the giving of Words, and the same as Engrossed being
read a third time, On motion, Resolved unanimously
that the said Bill do pass and that the title

to the same be an act to prevent the damage which may happen by firing of Woods," and the same was thereupon signed accordingly —

Mr Lucas to whom was referred the Petition of Jeremiah Comans made a report thereon and the same being read. on motion ordered that Mr Lucas report a Bill on said Petition —

A Petition from Thomas H Reddick, Jeremiah Conner and Jonsil V. Garnier was presented, praying that a Law may be passed requiring certain persons to give security for costs in actions to be brought and the same being read, on motion ordered that the subject matter of the said Petition be referred to Mr Coburn to report thereon, and then the Legislature adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'clock

E Hempstead

Thursday November 3d 1808

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment present as before —

Mr Coburn reported a Bill for the opening of a Road, and the same being read, on motion ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed —

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the engrossed Bill concerning crimes, and the same being read, on motion ordered, that the further consideration of the same be postponed till to-morrow

And then the Legislature adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock —

Friday Morning November 4th 1808

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before

Mr Lewis to whom was referred the petition of Sundry inhabitants of the Town of Saint Louis, reported a Bill thereon, and the same being read, Mr Coburn moved that the consideration of the same be postponed till next Session, and after some Conversation thereon, the same was withdrawn — Mr Lewis then moved to strike out the third Section of said Bill, carried. — Mr Coburn then renewed his motion for postponing the further consideration of the said Bill till the next Session, and the same was carried, Mr Lewis, and Mr Coburn voting in the affirmative, and Mr Lucas in the negative —

Mr Coburn asked and obtained leave to bring in a Bill making compensation to certain officers therein named, and having presented the same, and it being read the first time; on motion, ordered that the same be postponed till tomorrow —

Mr Lucas reported a Bill on the petition of Jeremiah Connor, and the same being read, and sundry amendments proposed, on motion ordered that the same be recommitted to Mr Lucas.

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Bill concerning crimes, and the same being read, on motion. Resolved that the said Bill do pass, and that the title to the same be "An act for the punishment of certain crimes" — and the same was thereupon signed —

The Bill concerning Interest was read the first time, on motion the same was read the second time and sundry amendments agreed to.

on motion ordered that the same as amended be engrossed for a third reading tomorrow.

and then the Legislature adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock

E Hempstead S

Saturday morning 9 o'clock A.M. January 5th

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before

The Legislature proceeded according to the order of the day to the Consideration of the Bill concerning the Interest of money, and the same being read the third time, on motion resolved unanimously that the said Bill do pass, and that the title to the same be "An act for regulating the Interest of money", and do the same was thereupon signed

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of Bill making compensation to certain officers, and the same being Read a second time, on motion ordered that the same be engrossed for a third Reading this day —, which being done, and the said Bill read a third time on motion resolved unanimously that the said Bill do pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act supplementary to the act entitled an act ascertaining the fees of the several officers and persons therein mentioned regulating the payment of costs on Indictments and for other purposes, and the same was thereupon signed —

Mr Lucas to whom was recommitted the Bill on the petition of Jeremiah Connor

made a report thereon, and the same being read, the same was on motion read a second time — On Motion, ordered that the said Bill be engrossed for a third Reading.

And then the Legislature adjourned till 4 o'Clock this afternoon.

Same day 4 o'Clock in the afternoon

Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before

and adjourned till Monday Morning next. 9 o'Clock

E. Hempstead Clk. T.

Monday Morning November 7. 1808

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before —

Came Didier the Territorial Treasurer appeared before the Legislature in pursuance of the act of this Territory and produced in transcript of his Treasury accounts, with his original Books and Vouchers, and the same being Examined — Ordered that the said Transcripts be filed.

The Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the ~~amendment to the Bill~~ concerning accounts of Justice, and the same being Read, on motion ordered that the said Bill do pass, and that the title to the same be "An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish Courts of Justice and regulate Judiciale proceedings, and the same was accordingly signed

The Legislature adjourned till to morrow afternoon four o'clock —

Monday November 8. 1808

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before.

Mr Lewis presented a Bill concerning the Fees or Costs of Suits, and the same being read and Mr Lewis suggested to the House that he has considerable of said Bill to amend

Ordered that the said Bill be postponed till to morrow

Ordered the Legislature adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'clock

E. Hemstead

Wednesday November 9. 1808

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before.

Mr Lewis to whom the Bill or the petition of Jeremiah Comer was referred on the 4th instant made a report thereon, which being read was agreed to, and the said Bill as reported, and the same being read ordered that the said Bill as amended be engrossed which being done and the Clerks Table the said Bill as engrossed was read the third time, On Motion resolved that the said Bill do pass, and that the title thereof be as above and be thereafter the Code of Common Pleas of the respective Districts within the Territory of Louisiana to alter certain proceedings in Certain cases & Deputy Jailers and also to countenance certain services rendered by the Deputy Jailers of the Districts of

dems— and the said Bill was thereupon signed—

The Legislature proceeds according to the order of the day to the further consideration of the Bill concerning the fiscal concerns of the County, and the same being read, and sundry amendments agreed to, On motion ordered that the said Bill be engrossed for a third reading tomorrow

When the Legislature adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow morning

E. Hempstead

Tuesday November 10. 1808.

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment

Present as before

Mr Shrader reported a Bill for the opening of Roads from the Town of Lewis to the Town of Willsborough which being read, on motion of Mr Shrader, that the said Bill be engrossed for a third reading carried, Messrs Lewis, Shrader, and Colburn, voting in the affirmative, and Mr Dacey in the negative: whereupon the said Bill was engrossed, and read a third time on motion of Mr Shrader, resolved that the said Bill do pass: the ayes voting in the negative and that the title be the same be "An act to provide for the opening of a Roads from the Town of Lewis to the Town of Willsborough." and the said Bill was thereupon signed.

On motion of Mr Shrader, the following resolutions were read, and unanimously agreed to and signed.

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of

Louisiana, that the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to employ some suitable person to make an Index and marginal notes to the acts of this Territory, and to superintend the printing of the same and that he certify the accounts for the services aforesaid and draw his Warrants on the Territorial Treasurer for the amounts. Provided the expences thereof shall not exceed the sum of One Hundred Dollars.—

Resolved that the Governor of this Territory be authorized and required to settle the account of Edward Hempstead for his services as Clerk to the Legislature since his last settlement and for transcribing Laws, and to draw his Warrant for the same on the Territorial Treasurer—

Resolved that there be paid to Henry & Hunter Esqrs. the sum of Four Dollars, in full for their account for Stationary. Furnished the Legislature.

When the Legislature adjourns it be to Monday morning 9 o'clock

E. Hempstead, Clk

Saturday November 11. 1808

The Legislature met pursuant to adjournment present as before, except Judge Workman

The Legislature according to order proceeded to the further consideration of the Bill concerning the Fiscal Concerns of this Territory, on Engrossed, and the same being read, on motion, ordered, that the said Bill do pass, and that the title thereof be "An act regulating the Fiscal Concerns of the Territory defining the Duties of certain officers concerned therein and for other purposes" and the same was thereupon signed

Mr. Shaw reported a Bill concerning the Seal of this Territory, and the same being read, on motion ordered that it be engrossed, which being done by the Clerk, and again read, on motion ordered that the said Bill so engrossed do pass and that the title thereof be "An act establishing a Seal for the Territory of Louisiana," and the same was thereupon signed

When the Legislature adjourned sine die

E. Hempstead